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THE WILLIAMS' FAMILY

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PARTIAL LISTINGS OF THE W. J. WILLIAM'S FAMILY

Margaret Jones, Gaerwen

Was born at Llanwnda, Carnarvon-Shire, North Wales, Great Britain, in the year 1796. She was married to William Williams at Rhostryfan when she was 26 years of age. She possessed a keen mind, was a great reader of the Bible and other good books. She was a great woman of prayer, kept the "family altar" regularly, and always had a ready answer. She died at Lime Springs, Iowa, March 9, 1881 at the age of 85.

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William Williams, Hafodlas

Was born at Llanllyfni, Carnarvon-Shire, North Wales, G. B. in the year 1798. His mother died when he was a babe and when he was but 9 years of age, his father was killed in a stone quarry. From that time on, he was obliged to fight his own way. He worked with farmers and in the slate quarries. He was married to Margaret Jones in ~~1922~~ 1822. Their children were all born in Wales. They emigrated to America in the year 1846, coming in a sailboat that had a load of slates and were six weeks making the journey. They landed in Boston, then made their way to Blue Mounds, Wisconsin.

They both possessed sterling qualities of character, fighting the many hardships of pioneer life with great courage and faith, and were successful in material things but they always put first things first and throughout their lives carried out that principle.

Mr. Williams was an able and influential elder in the church while in Wales, and in this country continued in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He contributed liberally to every good cause. He was a man of few words, quiet and unassuming, but his judgment and honesty could always be relied upon. One daughter died in infancy and was buried in Wales. Their second daughter, Margaret, died in Blue Mounds at the age of 24. This was a severe shock to the parents during their first summer in America. They farmed at Blue Mounds for 28 years. In 1874, they gave up farming and moved to Bristol Grove, Minnesota, and made their home with their daughter, Ann. (Mrs. W. J. Williams)

Mr. Williams died January 11, 1883, at the age of 85 and was buried beside his wife in the family lot in Bristol Grove cemetry.

William M. Williams

Eldest son of William and Margaret Williams. Was born on April 28, 1823 at Rhostryfan, Carnarvon, Wales. He came to America in 1845. Was married to Grace Williams

of Hyde-Ville, Vermont. Nine sons and three daughters were born of this union, namely; William, Thomas, John, Margaret Ann, Mary, Robert, Dan, Richard, Dave, Lizzie, Clarence, and George. Mary McCaslin lives with her son Willie in Goodland, Kansas at this writing in 1940, and is the only one of the family that we keep in contact with.

Griffith Williams

Son of William and Margaret Williams and was born at Rhostryfan, Caernarson in 1827. After coming to America with the family in 1846, he was soon married to a German-Scotch lady named Amelia. Four children were born to them, namely;

Albert Florence	Dave Never married. Died when a young man.	Clara Robert-Jones	Daisy Lou Keller
Their children Dave Albert Minnie		Their children Griff Robert	Their child, Olive, married Phil Laurence. Olive died in Florida, and left one child, Marcia Jean.

John W. Williams

Son of William and Margaret Williams. Was born in Rhostryfan, Caernarvon, in 1829. He also came to America with his parents. After some time he married Sarah Oliver, and they lived in Lime Springs for many years, where their four children were born. They later moved to Denver, Colorado. Their children were Llewelyn, Sophie, Winnie, and Hattie.

Ann Williams

Daughter of William and Margaret Williams. Born November 11, 1834, at Rhostryfan, Carnarvon-Shire, North Wales, G. B. The home where she was born was called, "Pant Coch"meaning, Red Valley. She came to America with her parents when a child of about 11, in the year, 1846. The family settled on a farm in Blue Mounds, Wisconsin. As her father was an elder in the church and her mother deeply interested in religion, "Pant Coch" was always an "open house" for ministers and visitors, who came to various meetings in the community. All who paid a visit to this family received the greatest hospitality. Ann had been endowed with strong intellectual talents and made the best use of them. She was married to William J. Williams on September 16, 1856 and died at Lime Springs at the age of 85 years and four months. Their first child was born July 24, 1857. He died April 16, 1859. This was a great shock to his mother who always spoke lovingly of John Bach. (little John) The next child was Margaret, who was born at Blue Mounds, January 20, 1860. She came with her parents to Bristol Grove in 1868, where she grew to young womanhood. She was married to William H. Williams on December 30, 1890. They lived on a farm in Bristol Grove for a number of years, afterwards moving to Preston, Minnesota. She died at the home of her daughter in Bismarck, North Dakota in June 1918 at the age of 58 years.

Their children are Albert and Alice:
Albert married Myrtle Joseph. Their children were named Verall, Robert, Marvin, Walter, and Audrey.

Alice married Price Owens and their children are William Price and Margaret Jayne.

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John A. Williams

Son of William J. and Ann Williams and was born at Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, on January 20, 1862. When he was about 6 years old, he came with his parents to Bristol Grove, Minnesota where he spend his youth and young manhood. On December 30, 1896, he was married to Ella Lewis of a neighboring community. They started housekeeping on the home farm. In about two years, his wife was claimed by death. He then left the farm, moving to Lime Springs, Iowa where his parents were living and went into business there.

John was married again on August 28, 1901, to Mary Hughes of Columbus, Wisconsin. Mary died on July 20, 1937. Six children were born of this union. The oldest died in infancy. Those living are; Catherine Ann, W. Emryn, Maurice John, Marian, and Gwladys Vera.

Emryn Alta Johnson	Maurice J. Kathern Burgess	Marion Fred Ehrhardt
Their children John Alton Craig Eugene	Their children Maurice Jack Marian Kay Jane and Janet (twins)	Their children Mary Elizabeth Marlene Ann twins

Gladys married William Bradford and they are living in Washington D. C.

John A Williams passed away February 20, 1941, at the age of 79 years and one month.

William R. Williams

Son of William J. and Ann Williams and was born in Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, March 18, 1865. He died suddenly at Boise, Idaho, October 9, 1923. He came with his parents to Bristol Grove, Minnesota, in 1868. His boyhood days were spent on the home farm. He attended high school at Preston, Minnesota, and Business College at Minneapolis, working his own way. He taught school for a time and then went to the State Normal School at Mankato, where he graduated with honors. After that he was Superintendent of Schools in Argyle, Minnesota, and also in Finley, North Dakota, and other towns in North Dakota. He went to Boise, Idaho, and was successful there in his school work. He was married to Teresa Connaughton at Placerville, Idaho.

Children born of this union are:

Harold Richard-married One child, Dennis Richard.
Melvin Francis
Robert Theordore-married Harriet Foote
Marjorie Gwen
Helen May
Alice Teresa
Burton Field

Leah Jane

Daughter of Wm. J. and Ann Williams. Was born at Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, July 25, 1868. She came with her parents to Bristol Grove, Minnesota where she grew to young womanhood. She was married to Robert J. Williams, who died in an accident on August 29, 1918. Their children are Gordon J., John Francis, and William Edwin.

Gordon was married to Mabel Mouwe, who died suddenly December, 1927. Three daughters were born of this union: Roine Eleanor, Wanda Mae, and Jean Carol.

John Francis was born October 30, ~~1938~~ 1898. He was married to Alice Iverson. Their children are Beverly Elaine and Robert Wayne. John Francis died March 3, 1923.

William E., son of Robert and Leah Williams was born September 9, 1901 on their home farm near Lime Springs. He was married to May Knode. She died very suddenly December 28, 1928, when Donna Dell was but three months old.

Dina Ellen

Daughter of William J. and Ann Williams. Was born in Bristol Grove, ~~Phillmore~~ Fillmore county, Minnesota, May 13, 1872. She spent her childhodd and young womanhood with her parents, who retired from the farm and moved to Lime Springs. Dina lived with them and cared for them in their declining years. She was married to Rev. William Harries in 1936. After four months trip abroad, they settled in their home in Des Moines, where he is at present, pastor of the Fort Des Moines Presbyterian Church.

Richard W. Williams

Son of William and Margaret Williams. Was born at Rhostryfan, Carnarvon, North Wales, June 20, 1834. He came to America with his parents when a child. He lived with them at Blue Mounds. He was married to Alice Williams.

Six children were born of this union.

Emma A. was born at Blue Mounds, November 22, 1866. She was a very noble girl. She died while attending Breckenridge Institue at Decorah, Iowa, of diptheria when she was 22 years of age.

Edwin married Lillian Hamm. They have one son, Walter.

Albert died when 18 years old of diptheria.

William R. Williams married Etta Williams. They have one daughter Alice, who was married and has one daughter Jacky, and two sons, Rodger and William.

Joshua Born Dec 1 - 1878 On a farm near Lime Springs Ia, where he grew up after graduating from H. S. he attended Upper Iowa University, and Business College of Northfield, Minn, a well educated man, a good historian. not married.

Appolonia Born Jan 19 - 1880 - lived with her parents and attended H. S. After graduating she taught school for a time.. a noble Christain girl, loved by all, Her untimely death at the age of 21, was a severe shock to her family, which occured July 24 1901.

<u>William J. Williams</u>

Son of John and Jane Williams. Was born in Rhosgadfan, Carnarvon-Shire, North Wales, on the 27th day of July, 1829. He braved the terrors of the Atlantic and landed in America in 1852. He came west as a pioneer and settled in Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, where he resided until the year 1868.

He was united in marriage to Miss Ann Williams, the daughter of William and Margaret Williams, (Pant Coch), Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, on the 16th of September, 1856. In the year 1868, they moved to Bristol Grove, Minnesota, where they resided until 1895. That year they gave up farming and retired to spend the rest of their days in Lime Springs, Iowa. Mr. Williams was influential and prominent among the Saints of the church. His life was

controlled by strong religious principles, implanted in his heart while young. In 1867, he was elected an elder in the Welch C. M. Church of Blue Mounds and remained in that office until his death. He was held in high esteem in the community because of his many good qualtities. He was devoted to the church of God and served it efficiently. He was a good man, who did his duty well, and fought as a hero of the Cross of Christ. He died May 6, 1916, at the age of 86 years, 9 months, and 21 days. Mr. Williams had two brothers and a sister who lived and died in Wales, namely:

John Williams whose children are William J. Williams, who came to Utica when a young man, and John, Ted, Ellen, and Annie. The three brothers are dead.

Robert and Jane have three children; Jane Ann, Annie, and Lizzie. Only Annie Gray is now living - in Racine, Wis

Ellen married Hugh Parry. Their children are Jane, Grace, John, Hugh, Ann Ellen, Moses and Miriam, and Kate.

This brief sketch was compiled by Dina E. Harries at Des Moines in 1940.

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